

MEASURES READ FOR THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 4359. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the child tax credit.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that today, June 25, 2004, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 2017. An act to designate the United States courthouse and post office building located at 93 Atocha Street in Ponce, Puerto Rico, as the "Luis A. Ferre United States Courthouse and Post Office Building".

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. DOMENICI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2180. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to exchange certain lands in the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado (Rept. No. 108-285).

By Mr. DOMENICI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 2243. A bill to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Alaska (Rept. No. 108-286).

H.R. 1648. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain water distribution systems of the Cachuma Project, California, to the Carpinteria Valley Water District and the Montecito Water District (Rept. No. 108-287).

H.R. 1732. A bill to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Williamson County, Texas, Water Recycling and Reuse Project, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-288).

H.R. 3209. A bill to amend the Reclamation Project Authorization Act of 1972 to clarify the acreage for which the North Loup division is authorized to provide irrigation water under the Missouri River Basin project (Rept. No. 108-289).

By Ms. COLLINS, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 2479. A bill to amend chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for Federal employees to make elections to make, modify, and terminate contributions to the Thrift Savings Fund at any time, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-290).

DISCHARGED NOMINATIONS

The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of the following nominations and the nominations were confirmed:

Jackson McDonald, of Florida, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Guinea.

James D. McGee, of Florida, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Madagascar.

Joyce A. Barr, of Washington, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Namibia.

June Carter Perry, of the District of Columbia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Lesotho.

R. Barrie Walkley, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Gabonese Republic, and to serve concurrently and * * *.

Cynthia G. Efid, of the District of Columbia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Angola.

Christopher William Dell, of New Jersey, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Zimbabwe.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. CHAFEE (for himself, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BREAU, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 2606. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 1129

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1129, a bill to provide for the protection of unaccompanied alien children, and for other purposes.

S. 2016

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2016, a bill to provide for infant crib safety, and for other purposes.

S. 2088

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) were added as cosponsors of S. 2088, a bill to restore, reaffirm, and reconcile legal rights and remedies under civil rights statutes.

S. 2109

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2109, a bill to provide for a 10-year extension of the assault weapons ban.

S. 2283

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Minnesota

(Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2283, a bill to extend Federal funding for operation of State high risk health insurance pools.

S. 2498

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2498, a bill to provide for a 10-year extension of the assault weapons ban.

S. 2502

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2502, a bill to allow seniors to file their Federal income tax on a new Form 1040S.

S. 2603

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2603, a bill to amend section 227 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 227) relating to the prohibition on junk fax transmissions.

S. CON. RES. 110

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 110, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress in support of the ongoing work of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) in combating anti-Semitism, racism, xenophobia, discrimination, intolerance, and related violence.

S. RES. 311

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 311, a resolution calling on the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to immediately and unconditionally release Father Thadeus Nguyen Van Ly, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3541

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH), the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 3541 proposed to H.R. 4613, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. CHAFEE (for himself, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BREAU, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 2606. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I am joined today by Senators SARBANES,